

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A telecommunication device comprising:

a receiving module receiving a telephone call; and

a processor identifying a dialed telephone number associated with the call, said processor using the dialed telephone number to retrieve a first telephone number, a second telephone number and at least one user preference from a storage medium, said processor using the at least one retrieved user preference to route the call to at least two destination telephone numbers substantially simultaneously, wherein the at least two destination telephone numbers are selected from the group including the retrieved first and second telephone numbers and a voice mailbox telephone number, and

wherein said processor holds and authenticates an answered call before connecting the answered call.

2. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein a first of the at least two destination telephone numbers corresponds to the retrieved first telephone number and a second of the at least two destination telephone numbers corresponds to the retrieved second telephone number.

3. (Previously presented) The device of claim 2, wherein said processor routes the call to a third of the at least two destination numbers corresponding to said voice mailbox telephone number after a predetermined time as defined by the at least one retrieved user preference.

4. (Original) The device of claim 3, wherein said predetermined time corresponds to a number of telephone rings defined by the at least one retrieved user preference.

Claims 5-8 (Canceled)

9. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said processor prompts a caller of the telephone call with a menu of call destination options and said processor places the call to at least one destination telephone number in accordance with an option selected by the caller.

10. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said processor receives the call from a private branch exchange, and wherein the at least one destination telephone number is associated with the private branch exchange.

11. (Original) The device of claim 10, wherein the call is routed to a destination telephone number associated with a cellular telephone.

12. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the cellular telephone can operate independently from the telecommunication device.

13. (Original) The device of claim 10, wherein the call is routed to a destination telephone number associated with a pager.

14. (Original) The device of claim 10, wherein the call is routed to a destination telephone number associated with a personal digital assistant.

15. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said processor receives the call from a public switched telephone network, and wherein the at least one destination telephone number is associated with a private branch exchange connected to the telecommunication device.

16. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein said processor routes the call to a plurality of additional destination telephone numbers, wherein at least one additional destination telephone number is associated with a cellular telephone.

17. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said processor is connected to a local area network and the at least one user preference is input via the local area network.

18. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said processor is connected to the Internet and the at least one user preference is input via the Internet.

Claims 19-27 (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended) A method of providing telecommunications to a user of an communication network, the method comprising the steps of:

connecting the communication network to a connect unit;

providing a first communication device at an extension of the communication network associated with the user;

providing a second communication device to the user;

routing a communication made to the extension to the connect unit;

holding the routed communication in the connect unit until a connection has been made with the first communication device or the second communication device;

identifying the extension from the routed communication;

using the identified extension to retrieve a first communication device number associated with the first communication device, a second communication device number associated with the second communication device, and at least one user preference; and

routing the communication in accordance with the user preference to at least two destination communication numbers substantially simultaneously and connecting

the routed communication when the routed communication is authenticated, wherein the at least two destination communication numbers are selected from a group including the first and second communication device numbers and a voice mailbox number,

wherein the communication network is an enterprise network and the extension is an extension of the enterprise telecommunications network.

Claim 29 (Cancelled)

30. (Currently amended) A method of providing telecommunications to a user of a communication network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a communication;

holding the communication;

identifying a communication device number associated with the communication;

retrieving, based on the identified communication device number, a first communication device number, a second communication device number and at least one user preference;

routing, using the retrieved at least one user preference, the communication to at least two destination communication numbers substantially simultaneously, wherein the at least two destination communication numbers are selected from the group including the retrieved first and second communication numbers and a voice mailbox number;

determining if the communication has been answered; and

if it has been determined that the communication has been answered, requesting information from a user before connecting the held communication.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein a first of at least two destination communication numbers corresponds to the retrieved first communication number and a second of the at least two destination communication numbers corresponds to the retrieved second communication number.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the communication is routed to a third of the at least two destination communication numbers corresponding to the voice mailbox number after a predetermined time, as defined by the at least one retrieved user preference.

Claims 33-35 (Cancelled)

36. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the communication is routed to a destination communication number associated with a cellular telephone.

37. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the communication is routed to a destination communication number associated with a pager.

38. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the communication is routed to a destination communication number associated with a personal digital assistant.

39. (Currently amended) An article of manufacture comprising a machine-readable storage medium having stored therein indicia of a plurality of machine-executable control program steps, the control program comprising the steps of:

receiving a communication from a caller;

holding the communication;

identifying a communication device number associated with the communication;

retrieving, based on the identified communication device number, a first communication device number and a second communication device number;

routing the communication to at least two destination communication numbers, wherein the at least two destination communication numbers are selected from the group including the retrieved first and second communication numbers and a voice mailbox number and wherein the control program routes the communication to the at least two destination communication numbers substantially simultaneously;

monitoring the communication to determine if the communication has been answered,

wherein control of the communication remains with the communication network allowing the network to play an unanswered ring tone to the caller.

40. (Previously presented) The article of manufacture of claim 39, wherein a first of the at least two destination communication numbers corresponds to the retrieved first communication number and a second of the at least two destination communication numbers corresponds to the retrieved second communication number.

41. (Previously presented) The article of manufacture of claim 40, wherein the control program routes the communication to a third of the at least two destination communication numbers corresponding to the voice mailbox number after a predetermined time.

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 39, wherein the control program routes the communication to a destination communication number associated with a cellular telephone.

Claims 44-51 (Cancelled)